# **SPORT FISHING**

# Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-I-02-20 **Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday,

June 3, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2020 Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,

2020, unless superseded by subsequent

emergency order.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District for the week of June 8, 2020.

## **REGULATION:**

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b) and 5 AAC 77.591 Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 12:01 p.m. Thursday, June 11 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 14.

Douglas Vincent-Lang

Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mark A. Somerville

Area Management Biologist

## **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under direction of the *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan* (5 AAC 77.591). The plan establishes the season from June 7 through September 30 and directs the department to establish weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During May 24 - 31, there were 52,041 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 101,192 salmon, which results in a deficit of 49,151 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow 84 hours of fishing time during the week of June 8 - 14.

#### **DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7357, and the Glennallen Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, PO Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3309.